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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter of complaint is regarding potential violations of federal campaign finance law by U.S. Senate candidate Greg Fischer in Kentucky. On his campaign website (www.gregfischer.com) he lists his address as 1355 Bardstown Road, Box 113, Louisville, Kentucky 40204-1353 and his phone number as (502) 619-1657.

The Page One Kentucky blog (www.pageonekentucky.com) recently reported that Mr. Fischer is using corporate resources, including staff persons on the corporate payroll at Mr. Fischer's company, for campaign purposes. Mr. Fischer is the CEO of the Dant Clayton Corporation. According to the reports that are attached, Mr. Fischer uses a dantclayton.com e-mail address to advertise for positions on his campaign, and a Dant Clayton Corporation staff person is listed as the contact person for inquiries. Additionally, according to a separate report that is attached, his company is listed as the owner of several internet domain names connected with his Senate candidacy.

Corporations are prohibited from making a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election...or for any candidate, political committee, or other person to knowingly accept or receive any contribution prohibited by this section, or any officer or any director of any corporation...to consent to any contribution or expenditure by the corporation...prohibited by this section. 2 U.S.C. 441b(a).

The term "contribution or expenditure" includes the definition in 2 U.S.C. 431(8)(A)(i) (any gift loan, advance,...or anything of value), but is further defined in 2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(2) to include "anything of value...to any candidate, campaign committee...in connection with any election to any of the offices referred to in this section...". "Anything of value" includes all in-kind contributions. 11 C.F.R. 100.52(d)(1).

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With this letter I request a full and proper investigation into this matter. Appropriate supporting documentation is attached.

Sincerely,


Jack L. Richardson, IV

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Enclosures

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Jack L. Richardson, IV, this 17th day of January, 2008.



Notary Public State at Large Kentucky

My commission expires: July 11, 2011

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More of Fischer Breaking the Rules?

January 14th, 2008 • 2 Comments

Yes. We're beating a dead horse again but this is worth talking about. Like we reported on January 3rd, Greg Fischer really enjoys raising suspicion around potential FEC violations.

This time he is registering domain names via his LLC, Iceberg Ventures, while using an employee of his corporation, Dant Clayton, as the administrative contact for his websites. Utilizing his LLC to do work for his campaign is fine, as long as it is reported to the FEC as an in-kind contribution that does not exceed \$1,000. But using an employee of his corporation as an administrative contact for a campaign site? That's an illegal corporate contribution. The only way to get around it is for his campaign to pay the corporation for its services and to reimburse the employee's wages. But there's a problem with that—Greg Fischer hasn't officially announced his candidacy, so paying for services or receiving contributions at this point doesn't jive with FEC regulations and campaign finance laws.

Those websites include:

- gregfischer.com
- gregfischer.net
- gregfischerforsenate.org
- gregfischerforsenate.com
- gregfischerforsenate.net
- fischerforsenate.org
- fischerforsenate.com
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Is this what the Democratic Party really wants as a Senate candidate? Someone who skirts the law, no matter how insignificant?

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Greg Fischer Already Breaking Campaign Law?

January 3rd, 2008 · 5 Comments

He says he hasn't made up his mind about running for the United States Senate but an email Greg Fischer sent to tons of people on December 24, 2007 suggests otherwise. In the message, sent from Fischer's Dant Clayton corporate email account, he sends a plea for finance staff. Young, old, experienced, inexperienced, it doesn't matter to him. We won't waste time pointing out to Fischer that an experienced finance team is crucial.

What we will point out, though, is that conducting campaign business via a corporate email account on corporate equipment is a violation of campaign finance law. That sort of activity? It's considered a corporate contribution and doesn't fly with the FEC.

In his email he attaches a job description and requests that resumes be sent to an employee of his corporation at a corporate email address (csadler@dantclayton.com). Not exactly a great way to get a campaign off the ground, is it? Being a wealthy, Republican-light self-funder trying his level best to alienate the core of the Democratic Party just doesn't seem to be enough for Fischer.

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Peep the email and job description document after the jump...

From: Greg Fischer [mailto:GFischer@DANTCLAYTON.COM]

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 12:52 AM

To: undisclosed-recipients

Subject: Senate Campaign Fundraising Staff search

Greetings:

While I have not made a final decision re the US Senate run, we are preparing for a possible announcement in January. Fundraising is one of the first activities to kick in to gear so several people are needed for the finance staff (paid positions). The attached job description provides more detail. These positions will be a great experience for someone interested in the political process. Think about bright young people that won't mind working 60 hours a week! Maybe your son, daughter, niece, nephew etc....

If you have someone more senior in mind, I am also looking for a Finance Director to manage the Finance Staff. It helps if they have political fundraising experience, but it is not mandatory. The main attributes required for the Finance Director are management ability, a quick mind, a high awareness level and a very strong work ethic.

See the attachment for more details on the Finance Staff positions.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Greg

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- must be able to balance and prioritize multiple projects;
- should have proven organizational skills;
- should be personable and enjoy working with others;
- should be comfortable communicating on the telephone;
- must know Microsoft Word and be able to perform mail merges; database experience is highly desirable.

To apply, e-mail cover letter and resume to:
csadler@dantclayton.com

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